

Governor's Domestic Violence Task Force Meeting, April 3, 2015

State Data Center, 4430 Broad River Rd, Columbia, SC 29212

10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Draft MEETING MINUTES

Convener: Katie Morgan

Recorder: Stephen Yarborough

Attendees:

Tammy Bagwell (SCDSS); Sara Barber (SCCADVASA); Alicia Benedetto (SCDMH); Kaitlin Blanco-Silva (DAODAS); Carl Bowen (SC State Housing); Casie Culver (SCDAODAS); Debbie Curtis (SC DPPPS); Kim Feeney (SCDSS); Leslie Fisk (SC Legal Service); Jane Key (SCDHEC); Grace Lambert (SCDAODAS); Richard LaPratt (United Way of SC); Frankie Long (SCDAODAS); BJ Nelson (SCDPS); Katie Morgan (SCDSS); Haley Mottel (Governor's Office); Theresa Roberts (Love House Ministries); Saskia Santos (SC DPPPS); Louann Sandel (DAC); Marchar Stagg (SC DPPPS); Steve Strom (SCDSS); Teesha Trapp (SCDEW); Jimmy Walker (SCHA); Stephen Yarborough (SCDSS)

The meeting was called to order by Katie Morgan at 10:00 a.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions

The committee members and participants were welcomed introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 13, 2015 were approved.

III. Defining the Task – Establishing Division Objectives

Saskia Santos reported that at the instruction of the Governor's Office and the Task Force Division Chairs, the goals and objectives for the Victims and Services Division were modified to reflect the goals of Phase 1 of the Task Force Process. Modified objectives were distributed. The group agreed that witnesses to violence, like children, would be considered secondary victims.

The group decided that demographic data on both victims and offenders needed to be collected. If, given the time constraints, data collection isn't feasible, the groups should seek out demographic data already collected through other sources.

IV. Report on Data Collection Model and Process

Kim Feeney reported on data collection activities and the draft survey being developed to send to all known providers of services to victims and survivors. Ms. Feeney stated that information is being gathered from a variety of sources. The group discussed the complexity of comparing one data set to another. A future recommendation may be to establish parameters and definitions around data collected by state agencies so that it can be processed and analyzed together.

Leslie Fisk suggest that the Criminal Justice Division may be investigating legal actions, such as number of orders for protection requested vs. the number granted, that may be of use to this division.

Jimmy Walker asked about the methodology that will be used to define and identify the underserved populations. Richard LaPratt offered to look into getting information from the homeless management information system. Alicia Benedetto, Jane Key, and Sara Barber volunteered to review existing research, such as the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, to determine what information exists on the underserved population.

Kim Feeney reported that the Victim Services survey is live and had 22 responses at the time. The group was to assist in forwarding the survey to all possible parties, including military installations, the faith based community, United Way services providers, and all municipalities.

An additional survey is being designed specifically for legal services, with the help of Patricia Ravenhorst and Leslie Fisk. This will target the private bar and mediation centers.

The Services to Batterers Survey is under development

V. **Report on Public Hearing(s).**

Casie Culver reported on the public hearings that took place on March 23rd in Columbia and on March 27th in Greenville. Summary comments were distributed and observations discussed. A third hearing is scheduled for April 7, 6 to 8 PM, at the Cornerstone Community Church in Orangeburg. The group discussed the possibility of adding a fourth location in Beaufort and Myrtle Beach.

Upon completion of the public hearings, a survey will be sent to those indicating upon signing in that they would be willing to participate in a survey.

VI. **Old Business**

None

VII. **New Business**

Data Analytics workgroup will have its first meeting on Tuesday, April 7th. The goal is begin turning the data that is being collected into information that can be used.

The Division Report is due to the Governor on May 8. Kim Feeney, Teesha Trapp and Sara Barber offered to work on the written report.

The next meeting of the full Task Force has been rescheduled to May 19.

Next meeting of the Division will be held on April 24th at 10 a.m. at the State Data Center

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

**Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence
Division of Services to Victims and Offenders
Brainstorming Exercise
2/20/14**

Items in bold were those that were mentioned more than once, or were otherwise prominently mentioned.

Discussion on Victims Services:

Create a comprehensive list victims/families

Training for direct delivery of services

Definition of shelter, beyond the physical structure

Wrap-around services as a continuum

Identify/Clarify all points of entry, to include health care

Screening for abusive behavior & Offering Services

Identify training system in non-traditional venues

Prevention services & treatment services

Housing

Education on rights/barriers families face

Courses available and frequency of delivery for healthcare professionals

What kind of counseling services are available post-abuse? Caution was offered that the services for victims are voluntary only.

Funding stream examination throughout system

Examine how well we are collaborating for holistic care

Examine data collection on which individuals are not being covered, for example, victims in same-sex or dating relationships.

Examination of underserved victims named above, and whether or not they are receiving comparable services to all groups.

Quality services to be delivered equitably across all populations.

Discussion on Offenders Services:

Identify all points of entry.

Collect data -> pattern of behavior -> predictive intervention

Recurrence rates

Clear definition of programs

Quality programs delivered equitably – standards of behavior for the programs offered, not only for the offenders.

Opportunities to better identify victims and offenders

Services to families prior to the incident – to avoid the duality of victims and offenders. How to get in front of problem.

Services available to victim and offenders once they're incarcerated – still serving

Proactive approach

Identification, education, and coordination of the available services, using in a broad context.

It was noted that many of the services identified may cross over both groups.

Children were listed as a separate victim group

